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# 1950s Dinner Party Itinerary

*Host Countdown Checklist & Evening Timeline*

## PART I: HOST PREPARATION COUNTDOWN

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| **2 Weeks Ahead** | ☐ Mail handwritten paper invitations with postage stamps; share the 1950s dress code (poodle skirts, A-line dresses, pearls; suits & ties). |
| **1 Week Ahead** | ☐ Confirm guest count, finalize vintage cookbook recipes, and gather decor (vinyl records, candelabras, floral tablecloth, Polaroid film, keepsake guestbook). |
| **2–3 Days Ahead** | ☐ Shop for groceries, punch ingredients, and party favor items; test any new mid-century recipes and press cloth napkins. |
| **1 Day Ahead** | ☐ Assemble favor bags, chill beverages, set the dining table with low floral centerpieces and place cards, and prep make-ahead desserts (Jell-O mold or cake). |
| **2 Hours Prior** | ☐ Prepare dressed/stuffed eggs, cheese-stuffed celery, and cheeseball; set up the game table with **Rack-O**, **Canasta**, and **Cribbage**; cue 1950s crooner & jazz records. |

## PART II: EVENING PARTY SCHEDULE

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| **6:00 PM** | **Guest Arrival & Welcome Punch:** Greet guests at the door; serve decorative punch, sparkling apple cider, and classic hors d'oeuvres while Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra play softly. |
| **6:30 PM** | **Parlor Icebreakers & Polaroid Snapshots:** Snap instant welcome photos with the Polaroid camera and kick off a lively round of **20 Questions** or **Name That Tune**. |
| **7:00 PM** | **Seated 1950s Supper:** Light the candelabras, turn off the television, say grace, and serve comforting mid-century mains with classic sides and warm table conversation. |
| **8:00 PM** | **Soda Fountain & Dessert Service:** Open the DIY Milkshake & Malt Bar for root beer floats alongside Baked Alaska, pineapple upside-down cake, or chocolate layer cake. |
| **8:30 PM** | **1950s Game Night & Swing:** Gather around the card tables for **Rack-O** (1956 classic), **Canasta**, **Cribbage**, or **Charades**, and pass around the keepsake guestbook. |
| **9:30 PM** | **Fond Farewells & Party Favors:** Thank your guests for a memorable evening and send everyone home with a sage-and-pink 1950s gift bag. |